Poetry.

DON'T LET MOTHER DO IT.

Daughter, don't let mother do it! Do not let her slave and toil, While you sit a useless idler, Fearing your soft hands to soil. Don't you see the heavy burdens Daily she is wont to bear, Bring the lines upon her forehead-Sprinkling silver in her hair?

Daughter, don't let mother do it! Do not let her bake and broil Through the long, bright summer hours, Share with her the heavy toil, See, her eye has lost its brightness, Faded from her cheek the glow; And the step that once was buoyant

Daughter, don't let mother do it! She has cared for you so long Is it right the weak and feeble Should be toiling for the strong? Waken from your listless languor, Seek her side to cheer and bless; And your grief will be less bitter When the sods above her press.

Now is feeble, weak and slow.

Daughter, don't let mother do it! You will never, never know What was home without a mother Till the mother lieth low-Low beneath the budding daisies, Free from earthly care or pain, To the home so sad without her, Never to return again.

Household.

CHOCOLATE FROSTING.

For one loaf take one-eighth cake of chocolate, one-fourth cup of milk, one-half cup of sugar (brown is the best,) and one teaspoonful of vanilla Boil until it thickens.

CHINESE RICE.

Boil nicely, so that the grains will be distinct, enough rice to fill a pint mould when done. Dissolve half an ounce of gelatine in a little milk. While the rice is still hot put in one ounce of butter, and some sugar and vanilla to taste. When it gets cold add the gelatine and half a pint of whipped cream. Put in a mould and when set serve with cream or preserved fruit. Enough sugar must be used to sweeten the additions of gelatine and cream.

GOLD CAKE.

The yolks of three eggs, a scant half-cup of butter, one cup of sugar, two cups of milk, one teaspoonful each of saleratus and cream of tartar, or two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Flavor with lemon.

SNOW PUDDING.

Pour on to three tablespoonfuls of corn starch dissolved in a little cold water one pint of boiling water. Add the whites of three eggs beaten to a froth, and pour into an earthen dish and set in a steamer and steam twenty minutes.

RICE PUDDING.

One-half cup of rice, salt and one cup of raisins boiled until the raisins are tender and the rice dry. Add a custard and pour into a pudding dish set in a pan of water, and do not bake too long. The rule for the custard is four eggs to a quart of milk.

PLAIN MINCE PIE.

Two quarts of chopped meat, two quarts of chopped apples, one quart of sugar, one pint of molasses, one oint of water in which the meat was boiled, one quart of stoned raisins, one tablespoonful of ground cloves, two of cinnamon, two nutmegs, two tablespoonfuls of salt, moisten with cider.

NICE COFFEE WITHOUT EGGS.

Make a small sack of cheese cloth, put in a small tablespoonful for each cup of coffee, need not tie the sack put in the pot and pour a pint of cold water on it. Set this on in the morning and let it come to a boil, then fill up as you wish. Turn the sack out after breakfast, rinse and dry for next time.

TO BROIL OYSTERS.

them perfectly in soft cloths. Take eral use of sugar as a regular diet. some beaten egg and cracker crumbs | For 40 years he has eaten at least a seasoned, and, dipping the oysters, quarter of a pound daily, not countthey will all come off and leave your that of alcohol.

are served.

FRIED SMELTS.

First clean them by making a a slight opening at the gills, then draw them between the thumb and finger, beginning at the tail. This will press out the insides. Wash them and wipe dry. Sprinkle salt over them, then dip in milk and dredge with flower or dip in egg and roll in breadcrumbs and fry in boiling oil or fat. The heads and tails should be left on.

A SOFT QUILT.

If coarse hen and turkey feathers are stripped up the two side plumes from the stem and thrown into a a bag and the bag is rubbed bard between the hands or on a washboard, the plumes will become massed together into a delicate downy substance, much of which can be used in lining comforters that will be found warm and light. A writer in Harper's Bazar says that such comforters are equal to eider-down coverlets.

GELATINE APPLES.

Peel and core apples, leaving them whole; put in a kettle to boil adding a slice or two of lemon, a little green ginger and sugar. Cook the apples till tender. Take them up carefully, boil down the syrup and add two tablespoonfuls of gelaatine which has been dissolved in four table spoonfuls of water to a cup of this syrup. Pour this over the apples and set where the whole will cool.

ARGENTEUIL SOUP.

Boil the trimmings of a roast of beef, with half an onion, a very small bit of red pepper, and an even teaspoonful of salt. Strain, and set away to cool. The next day melt four tablespoonfuls of beef marrow in a frying pan, and when it is hot stir in two tablespoonfuls of flour. Stir the mixture until it is smooth and add the hot stock. Just before putting in the tureen add two yolks of eggs beaten light. Serve with small slices of fried bread.

HINTS ON STARCHING CLOTHES.

Articles requiring to be very stiff should be starched twice, once with boiled starch after they are rinsed and before hanging out to dry. Make the boiled starch with three tablespoonfuls of starch to a quart of water and half a teaspoonful of borax. When dry take in clothes and if possible, iron the flannels at once; iron them on the wrong side with a cool iron until quite dry. Sprinkle clothes carefully and fold them. Starch collars, cuffs, etc., again with raw starch. Be careful about folding shirts and nightgowns after starching, as nothing is more disagreeable than patches of starch on parts where it is not intended to be. Fold shirt or gown lengthwise so that the two starched fronts come together, lay the wristbands between them, then roll up very tight, sprinkling the rest of the garment with water. Pack all the clothes closely in the basket, cover with a damp cloth and then with a dry one until ready to iron.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

-Hogs that are squealing from

cold are not making pork. There is one method of saving bones which should not be overlooked. It is to keep a barrel of lye convenient, into which all refuse One eight day, walnut frame Clock, worth bones should be dropped. result is that phosphate of potash will be formed, which unlike the phosphate of lime is soluble in matter, making one of the most valuable

fertilizers known. -Prof. Roberts, speaking of the great efficiency of modern labor-saving implements and machines, says that "the boy of to-day with his sulky-plow and self binder can rob the soil of more plant food in a year than his grandfather could in all his lifetime, though his muscular grandfather might have carried off with ease two such boys, one under each

-Dr. Phipson advocates, in a Have fine, large oysters, and dry German scientific journal, the genlet them stand a few minutes. If ing the sugar forming substances you should make the cracker crumbs taken at the same time, and has at home be sure to sift them, so as found it very healthful. Man's conto insure not having one crumb condition would be greatly improved larger than the other, for if you do if the use of sugar would substitute

brisk fire and a fine wire gridiron heated. They should take but a few minutes to do. Have some butter rubbed on the dish on which they

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